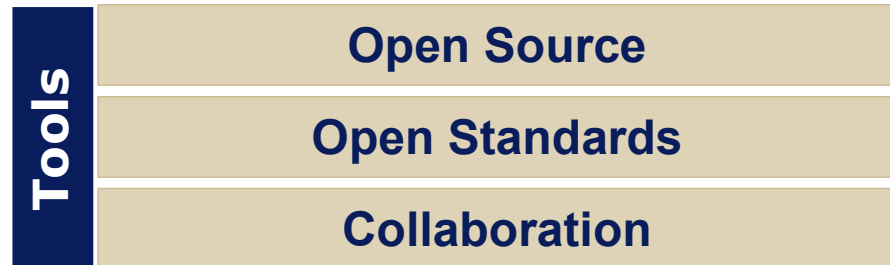


So who are we?

- European based, and focussed with offices in Brussels, UK
- Not-for-profit
- Independent of any organisation
- Business focussed, non-evangelical
- Membership drawn from supply and user communities
- National and global partners eg Open Ireland
- Supportive of Open source business model
- Mission - "open, competitive choice for IT users"

What is Openness?

It's all about freedom but it isn't necessarily free



How are we structured and operate?

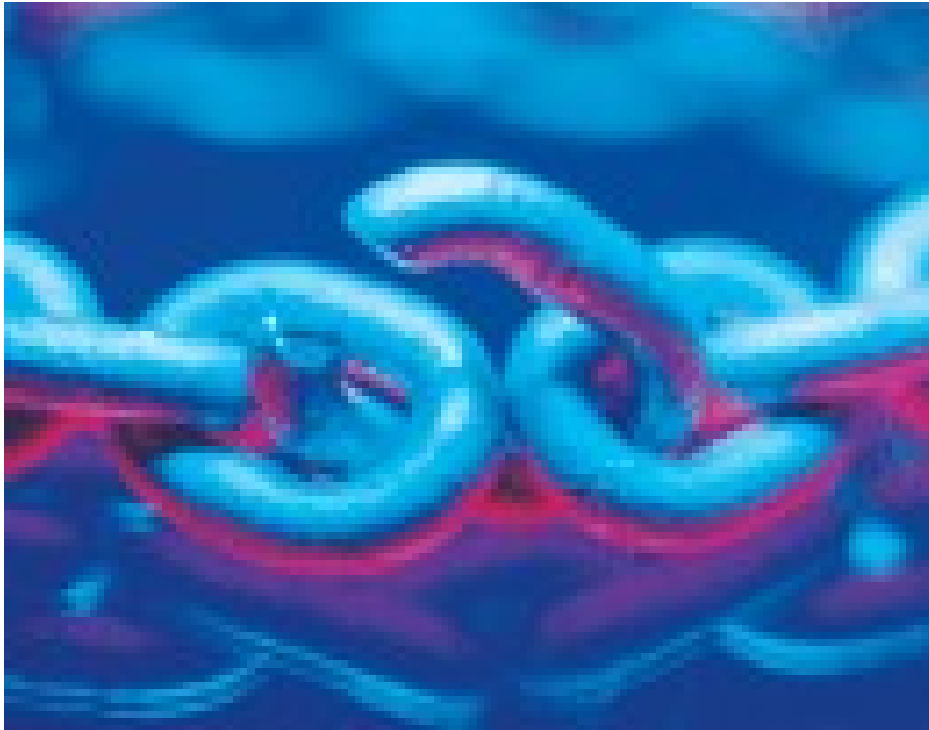
- All members and partners have equal comment and status
- Decisions made via Executive Council
- Special Interest Groups act as 'think tanks' and enable OFE to bring in all relevant opinion eg Standards, Open and Collaborative Internet, SME, Legal, Education.....
- Determine major initiatives such as ODF campaign and development of Certified Open®
- Understand, educate, brief, influence....
- Influence the influencers – eg the European Commission, national Governments

Recent initiatives

- Responded on behalf of open community to Ministerial eGovernment conference, Lisbon
- Open Internet conference/declaration, Geneva
- Briefing by Competition Commissioner, Brussels
- Market trial of Certified Open accreditation scheme
- Participation in pan European TOF-e project
- Coordinated response to EC European interoperability Framework (EIF) V2



Certified Open[®]



- User, technical, business views tested
- Rigorous but non-complex
- All software models, hardware, solutions
- Current solutions
- New procurements
- Free trial underway

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